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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

## SENDING OF PUBLIC KEYS BY MOBILE TERMINALS

The invention relates to a A certification method using a public key certification authority (30) and involving at least one mobile terminal (10) able to receive messages encrypted by that public key, characterized in that it includes the step of the The mobile terminal (10) generating generates the public key, the step of and a telecommunications network entity (20) acquiring acquires said key from the mobile terminal (10) by means of a network call, the step of the The network entity authenticating authenticates the mobile terminal (10) by a party authentication process used in relation to a standard telephone call, and the step of supplying the The certification authority (30) is supplied with the public key and the associated result of the authentication process.